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Addendum

Summary

The report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (UNFIP) (A/53/700) provides detailed information on the genesis of UNFIP and on the first two funding cycles of 1998. The present addendum advises Member States of the outcome of the third, and last, cycle of funding. The report and the addendum provide a complete overview of UNFIP activities during the first year of operations. Information is also made available with respect to the new programming approach that UNFIP and the United Nations Foundation, Inc. are embarking on in 1999.

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Third funding round

1. Detailed information concerning the first two funding cycles of 1998 is contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (UNFIP) contained in document A/53/700. Member States may recall that initial information was provided in the report with respect to the third tranche, namely, that the UNFIP secretariat had received a total of 189 concept papers, 46 of which were selected for review by the UNFIP Advisory Board at its meeting on 4 December 1998. Of those, a total of 40 were endorsed by the Advisory Board for consideration by the United Nations Foundation, Inc. (UNF). On 2 February 1999, the Foundation announced the approval of its third round of grants, totalling some $31.7 million for 25 projects involving 14 United Nations organizations. The grants were distributed along the following thematic percentage lines: population and women, 36 per cent; environment, 34 per cent; children's health, 10 per cent; and other areas, 19 per cent. A list of projects approved by the Foundation showing the breakdown by theme, region and agency, is contained in the annex below.

2. The third funding round represents the last funding cycle for the first year of UNFIP/UNF operations. As at February 1999, the Foundation has thus awarded a total of approximately $87 million for United Nations projects, with 35 per cent earmarked for population and women; 20 per cent for environment; 25 per cent for children's health; and 19 per cent for other areas.

Next steps

3. Based on the experience gained during the course of the first year of operations, agreement has been reached between the United Nations and the Foundation, in consultation with the Secretary-General's Advisory Board and the Foundation's Board of Directors, on a revised and more streamlined process of programme development for funding by the Foundation. The experience of 1998 provided a basis for the consideration of improvements to the methods of work. It was recognized, for example, that the process of solicitation, review and selection of project proposals needed to promote a greater degree of strategic and programmatic focus. It also needed to encourage the definition of ways to measure the achievements and impact derived from the UNF contribution. The goal of the revised programming approach is to work more closely with the Foundation in the definition of priorities and focus within the broad areas of programmatic concentration already identified by UNF. The intent is also to promote greater inter-agency consultation in the definition of opportunities to be pursued by the United Nations system with UNF funding.

4. This new approach entails the establishment of so-called Programme Framework Groups (PFGs), which will provide guidance for the preparation of specific projects. The fundamental task of a given PFG will be to identify programmatic opportunities within the given priorities and, taking account of the Foundation's financial parameters, propose the most effective use of UNF support. Separate PFGs will be set up in respect of the following programme areas of ongoing and particular interest to the Foundation: population and women, focusing particularly on adolescent girls and the quality of reproductive health services; children's health, focusing particularly on decreasing childhood mortality and promoting tobacco-free children and youth; and environment, focusing particularly on climate change and biodiversity. It is not foreseen that a PFG will be established to provide guidance for the development of proposals falling outside these priority areas, specifically in support of the Secretary-General's reform programme, in view of the very limited funding allocated by UNF to these types of proposals and the wide range of issues covered.

5. At the time of writing, the revised programming approach was just beginning to take shape. More precisely, the PFG on Population and Women and the PFG on Children's Health have been established, and commenced their work in mid-February 1999. The following United Nations entities are participating at the senior policy level in the PFG on Population and Women: the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, the Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the World Health Organization (WHO). The PFG on Children's Health is composed of UNAIDS, UNFPA, UNICEF and WHO. Both PFGs have two external participants: the Population Council and the International Center for Research on Women for the PFG on Population and Women; and Emory University and Johns Hopkins University for the PFG on Children's Health. UNFIP and the Foundation participate in the two Groups in an *ex officio* capacity. The World Bank participates in the work of the PFGs given its major sector lending in the two thematic areas.

6. The programme frameworks that will emanate from the above PFGs, as well as from the PFG on Environment, which will begin its work later in the year, are expected to

be reviewed in the first instance by the Secretary-General's Advisory Board and then by the Board of Directors of the United Nations Foundation. Once a given framework is approved by the Board of Directors, the United Nations system at large will be so informed and the framework proper will be utilized as the basis for the development of future proposals for UNF funding. Further details on the revised programming approach and its results and additional information on the overall activities of UNFIP will be provided to the General Assembly in the next report of the Secretary-General on the Fund.

7. There has been a change in the composition of the UNFIP Advisory Board as set out in paragraph 17 of the Secretary-General's report (A/53/700): it will be recalled that the President of the Economic and Social Council is a member of the Advisory Board; with the change in the presidency of the Council in January 1999, Ambassador F. Paolo Fulci has replaced Ambassador Juan Somavía on the Board.

Annex

Projects approved for funding by the United Nations Foundation, Inc.

Projects approved by the United Nations Foundation, Inc., as of February 1999, are identified in the tables set out below, broken down by theme, region and agency.

Glossary of acronyms/abbreviations

Themes

EN	Environment
WP	Women/adolescents/population
CH	Children and preventive health
HH	Human rights/humanitarian

Regions

AF	Africa
AP	Asia and the Pacific
AS	Arab States
LAC	Latin America and the Caribbean
E/CIS	Europe and Commonwealth of Independent States countries

United Nations funds, programmes and agencies

DPKO	Department for Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat
ECE	Economic Commission for Europe
ECLAC	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
ILO	International Labour Organization
NGLS	United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service
UNAIDS	Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIFEM	United Nations Development Fund for Women
UNSCP	United Nations Staff College
WHO	World Health Organization

PROJECTS APPROVED FOR FUNDING BY UNF - Tranche III

Showing sub-totals by Theme

Project ID	Title	Agency	Region	Requested Amount U.S.$	Theme
	Environment				
99/Jan/NEP/136	International Coral Reef Action Network	UNEP	Global	1,521,411	EN
99/Jan/NDP/107	Modernised Biomass for Energy in China	UNDP	AP	1,240,000	EN
99/Jan/ECE/028	Energy Efficiency Investment Project Development for Climate Change Mitigation	ECE	E/CIS	2,000,000	EN
99/Jan/TAD/090	Implementation of UNCTAD's BIOTRADE Initiative in the Amazon	UNCTAD	LAC	1,700,000	EN
99/Jan/SCO/144	Ecosystem Conservation through multi-functional Participatory Approaches and Actions	UNESCO	Global	200,000	EN
99/Jan/NDP/103	Green Municipalities	UNDP	LAC	1,000,000	EN
99/Jan/NDP/101	The UN System's World Resources Report for the Millennium	UNDP	Global	1,200,000	EN
99/Jan/NDP/109	World Energy Assessment	UNDP	AF	1,500,000	EN
99/Jan/FAO/044	UN Atlas of the Oceans	FAO	Global	500,000	EN
	Sub-total			***10,861,411***	
	Women/Adolescents/Population				
99/Jan/FEM/129	A UN System-wide Approach to Implementing the Beijing Platform for Action - Mozambique	UNDP/UNIFEM	AF	512,100	WP
99/Jan/FAO/038	Empowerment of Women in Local Irrigation and Water Resources Management	FAO	Inter-regional	1,712,000	WP
99/Jan/NDP/126	The MicroStart Global Pilot Programme	UNDP	Global	3,000,000	WP
99/Jan/SCP/173	Distance Learning System on Population Issues	UNSCP	Global	1,500,000	WP
99/Jan/LAC/029	Reproductive Education and Responsible Fatherhood in the Central American Isthmus	ECLAC	LAC	700,000	WP
	Sub-total			***7,424,100***	
	Child and Preventive Health				
99/Jan/IDS/088	Promotion of Peer-Education on Healthy Life Styles for Young People in Ukraine	UNAIDS	E/CIS	1,000,000	CH
99/Jan/NDP/114	Eradication of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in Kenya	UNDP	AF	300,000	CH
99/Jan/CEF/169	Elimination of Iodine Deficiency as a Public Health Problem	UNICEF	AF	1,000,000	CH
99/Jan/WHO/185	Children's Health - Sustainable Outreach Services - a new WHO/UNICEF Initiative	WHO	AF	2,250,000	CH
	Sub-total			***4,550,000***	

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Project ID	**Title**	**Agency**	**Region**	**Requested Amount U.S.$**	**Theme**
	Human Rights/Humanitarian				
99/Jan/FEM/127	Shaping a World Free from Gender-based Violence: Learning from Experience	UNDP/UNIFEM	Global	1,197,000	HH
99/Jan/FEM/131	Women for Conflict Prevention and Peace Building in the Southern Caucasus	UNDP/UNIFEM	E/CIS	1,400,000	HH
99/Jan/ILO/064	Legal Empowerment of Indigenous Peoples in Central America	ILO	LAC	1,500,000	HH
99/Jan/PKO/010	Level-One Landmine Surveys	DPKO	Global	3,790,000	HH
99/Jan/PKO/012	The Southern African Landmines Assessment, Monitoring and Information Initiative	DPKO	AF	210,000	HH
99/Jan/PKO/009	Landmine Safety Handbook	DPKO	AF	440,000	HH
	Sub-total			***8,537,000***	
	Other Areas				
99/Jan/GLS/073	Participation of NGOs in Follow-Up to UN Global Conferences	NGLS	Global	312,906	OA
	Sub-total			***312,906***	
	Grand total			***31,685,417***	

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99/Jan/FAO/044	UN Atlas of the Oceans	FAO	Global	500,000	EN
99/Jan/NDP/101	The UN System's World Resources Report for the Millennium	UNDP	Global	1,200,000	EN
99/Jan/NEP/136	International Coral Reef Action Network	UNEP	Global	1,521,411	EN
99/Jan/SCO/144	Ecosystem Conservation through multi-functional Participatory Approaches and Actions	UNESCO	Global	200,000	EN
99/Jan/PKO/010	Level-One Landmine Surveys	DPKO	Global	3,790,000	HH
99/Jan/FEM/127	Shaping a World Free from Gender-based Violence: Learning from Experience	UNDP/UNIFEM	Global	1,197,000	HH
99/Jan/NDP/126	The MicroStart Global Pilot Programme	UNDP	Global	3,000,000	WP
99/Jan/SCP/173	Distance Learning System on Population Issues	UNSCP	Global	1,500,000	WP
99/Jan/GLS/073	Participation of NGOs in Follow-Up to UN Global Conferences	NGLS	Global	312,906	OA
	Sub-total			***13,221,317***	
99/Jan/FAO/038	Empowerment of Women in Local Irrigation and Water Resources Management	FAO	Inter-regional	1,712,000	WP
	Sub-total			***1,712,000***	
99/Jan/NDP/114	Eradication of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in Kenya	UNDP	AF	300,000	CH
99/Jan/CEF/169	Elimination of Iodine Deficiency as a Public Health Problem	UNICEF	AF	1,000,000	CH
99/Jan/WHO/185	Children's Health - Sustainable Outreach Services - a new WHO/UNICEF Initiative	WHO	AF	2,250,000	CH
99/Jan/NDP/109	World Energy Assessment	UNDP	AF	1,500,000	EN
99/Jan/PKO/009	Landmine Safety Handbook	DPKO	AF	440,000	HH
99/Jan/PKO/012	The Southern African Landmines Assessment, Monitoring and Information Initiative	DPKO	AF	210,000	HH
99/Jan/FEM/129	A UN System-wide Approach to Implementing the Beijing Platform for Action - Mozambique	UNDP/UNIFEM	AF	512,100	WP
	Sub-total			***6,212,100***	

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No.	Title	Agency	Region	Requested Amount U.S.$	Theme
99/Jan/NDP/107	Modernised Biomass for Energy in China	UNDP	AP	1,240,000	EN
	Sub-total			***1,240,000***	
99/Jan/IDS/088	Promotion of Peer-Education on Healthy Life Styles for Young People in Ukraine	UNAIDS	E/CIS	1,000,000	CH
99/Jan/ECE/028	Energy Efficiency Investment Project Development for Climate Change Mitigation	ECE	E/CIS	2,000,000	EN
99/Jan/FEM/131	Women for Conflict Prevention and Peace Building in the Southern Caucasus	UNDP/UNIFEM	E/CIS	1,400,000	HH
	Sub-total			***4,400,000***	
99/Jan/TAD/090	Implementation of UNCTAD's BIOTRADE Initiative in the Amazon	UNCTAD	LAC	1,700,000	EN
99/Jan/NDP/103	Green Municipalities	UNDP	LAC	1,000,000	EN
99/Jan/ILO/064	Legal Empowerment of Indigenous Peoples in Central America	ILO	LAC	1,500,000	HH
99/Jan/LAC/029	Reproductive Education and Responsible Fatherhood in the Central American Isthmus	ECLAC	LAC	700,000	WP
	Sub-total			***4,900,000***	
	Grand total			***31,685,417***	

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99/Jan/PKO/009	Landmine Safety Handbook	DPKO	AF	440,000	HH
99/Jan/PKO/010	Level-One Landmine Surveys	DPKO	Global	3,790,000	HH
99/Jan/PKO/012	The Southern African Landmines Assessment, Monitoring and Information Initiative	DPKO	AF	210,000	HH
	Sub-total			***4,440,000***	
99/Jan/ECE/028	Energy Efficiency Investment Project Development for Climate Change Mitigation	ECE	E/CIS	2,000,000	EN
	Sub-total			***2,000,000***	
99/Jan/LAC/029	Reproductive Education and Responsible Fatherhood in the Central American Isthmus	ECLAC	LAC	700,000	WP
	Sub-total			***700,000***	
99/Jan/FAO/038	Empowerment of Women in Local Irrigation and Water Resources Management	FAO	Inter-regional	1,712,000	WP
99/Jan/FAO/044	UN Atlas of the Oceans	FAO	Global	500,000	EN
	Sub-total			***2,212,000***	
99/Jan/ILO/064	Legal Empowerment of Indigenous Peoples in Central America	ILO	LAC	1,500,000	HH
	Sub-total			***1,500,000***	
99/Jan/GLS/073	Participation of NGOs in Follow-Up to UN Global Conferences	NGLS	Global	312,906	OA
	Sub-total			***312,906***	
99/Jan/IDS/088	Promotion of Peer-Education on Healthy Life Styles for Young People in Ukraine	UNAIDS	E/CIS	1,000,000	CH
	Sub-total			***1,000,000***	

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99/Jan/TAD/090	Implementation of UNCTAD's BIOTRADE Initiative in the Amazon	UNCTAD	LAC	1,700,000	EN
	Sub-total			***1,700,000***	
99/Jan/NDP/101	The UN System's World Resources Report for the Millennium	UNDP	Global	1,200,000	EN
99/Jan/NDP/103	Green Municipalities	UNDP	LAC	1,000,000	EN
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99/Jan/FEM/131	Women for Conflict Prevention and Peace Building in the Southern Caucasus	UNDP/UNIFEM	E/CIS	1,400,000	HH
	Sub-total			***3,109,100***	
99/Jan/NEP/136	International Coral Reef Action Network	UNEP	Global	1,521,411	EN
	Sub-total			***1,521,411***	
99/Jan/SCO/144	Ecosystem Conservation through multi-functional Participatory Approaches and Actions	UNESCO	Global	200,000	EN
	Sub-total			***200,000***	

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99/Jan/CEF/169	Elimination of Iodine Deficiency as a Public Health Problem	UNICEF	AF	1,000,000	CH
	Sub-total			***1,000,000***	
99/Jan/SCP/173	Distance Learning System on Population Issues	UNSCP	Global	1,500,000	WP
	Sub-total			***1,500,000***	
99/Jan/WHO/185	Children's Health - Sustainable Outreach Services - a new WHO/UNICEF Initiative	WHO	AF	2,250,000	CH
	Sub-total			***2,250,000***	
	Grand total			***31,685,417***	